

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD HELD JANUARY 15, 1975

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Minutes
Approved

The minutes of the December 4th, 1974 meeting were read and upon motion by Robert Fields, seconded by Bruce Osborn and made unanimous by Wm. Vanderveen were approved as read.

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Treece Meadows

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Clinton Co.
&
McLaughlin
ditch

December 17, 1974

Mr. Dan Ruth
Tippecanoe County Surveyor
Court House
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Dear Mr. Ruth:

The Clinton County Drainage Board request a resolution be passed by your Drainage Board that will allow Clinton County to reconstruct a tile portion of the McLaughlin ditch located in Clinton County. With this resolution, we will proceed to repair some tile and set up a watershed for future maintenance on property located in Clinton County.

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Sincerely,

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After reading the letter the Board instructed the Surveyor to answer said letter explaining the Board's feelings on the matter.

January 16, 1975

RE: Reconstruction of a portion
of the John McLaughlin ditch

Don E. Snyder, Surveyor
Clinton County, Indiana
Frankfort, Indiana

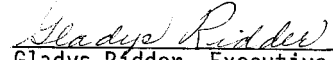
Dear Mr. Snyder;

At yesterday's meeting of the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board, a discussion of the above mentioned was held. It was the opinion of the Board that it would be unfair for a group upstream to reconstruct their portion of the ditch and dump their water down on someone else without providing for the care of the downstream water.

It was the feeling of the Board that, rather than just the people in Clinton County fixing their section, those people between the county line and the outlet should also be contacted and all share in the upgrading of the ditch where problems exist.

The Board has a real concern for this ditch and would be willing to discuss the problems at any time.

Very truly yours,


Gladys Ridder, Executive Secretary
Tippecanoe County, Indiana

Elliott &
Ilgenfritz
per
Richard H.
Smith

Mr. Ky Gerde and Mr. George Hanna appeared on behalf of Richard H. Smith on water problems on his property that he felt were created by the improper functioning of the George Ilgenfritz and the S. W. Elliott ditches. Pictures and an outline of the watershed with ponds, etc. was presented. A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Smith felt the Elliott ditch's stoppage had to be found to alleviate the problem. Mr. Hanna felt that if the Ilgenfritz ditch was cleared of its brush and its sides built up so it would handle its own water without spilling over into another watershed that a large part of the problem would be solved. Mr. Lewis Beeler said he felt that the Elliott ditch was probably the biggest problem but that he knew the Interstate 65 had also contributed a part of its water to the already bad situation. He also said he was meeting with Mr. Richard Boehning of the State Highway department on the Interstate problem and had hopes of taking care of that situation.

Mr. Robert Fields asked the Drainage Engineer to probe the Elliott ditch for the tile that was not functioning and take care of any necessary maintenance. All felt that while the ground was solid, the clearing of the Ilgenfritz ditch could be done more easily.

R. E. Stano
&
Branch #14

Mr. R. E. Stano, Associate Counsel for the Pioneer National Title Insurance Co. appeared before the Board asking how to go about getting Branch No. 14 of the S. W. Elliott ditch vacated. Much discussion as to how many affected would want the ditch vacated and how many would make use of the General Foods Storm drain. Mr. Stano offered to carry the petition and make known the feelings of the others. One tract was in the process of changing hands and he felt it would be better to wait until this transfer was made. The Board wanted to consult their attorney and the matter was tabled until a later date.

A performance Bond was presented to the Board from John Fisher as a maintenance bond for Branch No. 14 of the Elliott ditch. Mr. Fisher had re-routed branch # 14 after the Montgomery Ward Warehouse was built over it and the Board had requested the re-routing at his expense. The performance Bond was requested before releasing a six thousand dollar check being held by the County Auditor. Upon presentation of this Bond the Board so moved to release the check to Mr. R. E. Stano.